

WITTY AFTER-DINNER TALK.

Some Bright Speeches Which Were Delivered Over the Wine.

After-dinner speeches have become the repository of much of the most enjoyable humor and graceful repartee that has found utterance. A wealth of wit has been uncorked with the champagne, to sparkle for the moment and vanish like the bead in the crystal goblet. It was, in great part, at the table, in the club or inn, that Dr. Johnson gave out his readiest sallies, and humble indeed is the house whose walls have not echoed to after-dinner pleasantry. Embalmed in tradition, the reliquary of the unwritten, we find many curious instances of the ready wit of some of our great men.

At a dinner in Boston to William M. Evaris, then Secretary of State, the toastmaster introduced Mr. Evaris by calling attention to the fact that "When we sat down we contemplated a goose stuffed with sage; I beg to introduce to you a sage stuffed with goose."

At a banquet given for the great orator, Edward Everett, he was introduced by Judge Story, who took occasion to perpetrate this excellent pun: "Applause shall follow in the footsteps of fame wherever it goes." Everett's complimentary rejoinder was that "Aspirants for position in the temple of fame would never ascend higher than one story."

Campbell, the English poet, created consternation and subsequent merriment at a dinner of literary friends by proposing the health of Napoleon Bonaparte. A murmur of surprise went round the table and one patriotic Briton asked how he dared make so bold as to propose Napoleon's health to a company of Englishmen. "He once hanged a publisher," replied Campbell, and the glasses were drained cheerfully.—*Kate Field's Washington.*

ARMIES AT CHICKAMAUGA.

Some Idea of the Terrific Character of the Battle.

The terrific nature of the great struggle at Chickamauga may be illustrated by the record of the Twenty first Ohio. In the course of the battle that regiment fired 43,550 rounds of fixed ammunition and fought till its last shot was expended. It suffered a loss of one officer and fifty men killed, three officers and ninety-eight men wounded and twelve officers and 104 men captured, yet even such magnificent bravery as its men exhibited could not suffice to give victory to the Union arms.

The total number of troops engaged on either side in the battle has never been satisfactorily determined. The total strength of the army of Rosecrans was 55,000 to 65,000 effective men, and quite likely was not far from the first-named figure. Bragg's force has been variously estimated as having been from less than 50,000 to fully 70,000. The probabilities are that the two armies in numbers were very evenly matched.

The losses of Rosecrans in killed, wounded and missing were over 16,000 men. The losses of Bragg seem to have been at least as heavy, for there was terrific slaughter during his desperate attempt to drive Thomas from Horseshoe Ridge. Were we to consider as accurate the Federal estimate of the Confederate loss and the Confederate estimate of the Federal loss the figures would be very greatly increased.—*Blue and Gray.*

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